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SOCIETIES.

RELIGIOUS.

PREACHING at the Union Church Building every Sunday at the hours of 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Also lectures every Wednesday evening, by **REV. O. W. WRIGHT, Pastor.**

L. O. O. F.

CORONA LODGE No. 127, L. O. O. F. meet at their hall, on Locust Street, every Saturday night. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend. **JOHN MUELLER, N. G.** **P. BOLAND, Secretary.**

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LAW AND COLLECTION OFFICE, at A. B. Webster's store. Notary public and real estate agent.

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WOOD & COLBORN,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNCELORS AT LAW will practice in the District Court of Ford county. Address, Cottonwood Falls.

NOTICE.

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On left side or hip. Any person disposing of cattle in the above brands without written authority from me will be prosecuted to the extent of the law. **J. W. DRISKILL.**

H K Any person finding cattle with this brand, straying, will be suitably rewarded by notifying A. Kiehne, at camp on Salt Fork, or the undersigned, at Junction City, Kas.

2-15-3m **W. M. HURST.**

Stock Men, Attention!

Having opened a general store at Buffalo Station, K. P. R. W., on the trail leading to Ogallah Agency, stock men can obtain all kinds of goods and produce from me at Dodge City prices and avoid 150 miles of unnecessary transportation. **J. L. THOMPSON.**

To Stock Shippers!

Having been engaged in the business of shipping stock for the past season from this point to Kansas City, and having given entire satisfaction to shippers, I therefore intend to follow the same this season and make it a special business. Soliciting the patronage of all stock men, the undersigned will be found at the Western House, Dodge City. Also branding and handling of cattle made a specialty. **J. W. DAWSON.**

THE jury in the Swayze-Wilson case returned a verdict of not guilty. The trial lasted several days, and during its progress was of absorbing interest to the people of Topeka. Nearly all the lawyers in Topeka had a hand in the case. Wilson, the man who did the killing, will now enjoy the name he has won with perfect freedom. He has been acquitted by a jury of his peers. Denunciations of the jury system are now in order. The Topeka Commonwealth says the jury are good men. The Blade says the jury was tampered with, and that they perjured themselves. Great newspapers, as well as great men, sometimes differ.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boyd came up from Larned Thursday morning. Mrs. Boyd's health has not been good for several months and she will remain at the Dodge House for a few weeks, with a hope that the change may be beneficial.

Mr. George Oakes, who, during his younger days, made his headquarters in this vicinity, came up from Wichita this week. George is a married man now and looks more portly than ever, which is probably owing to the fact that he is a landlord and runs the Valley House at Wichita. He reports Mr. and Mrs. Bearl, who departed from this city nearly a year ago, still prospering.

Mr. M. L. SARGENT, General Freight Agent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, was in the city last Monday, making preparations to ship about a half a million cattle from Dodge City this season. Mr. Sargent is a fair, square man, as all who have business with him will testify.

MAJOR HOOD, of Emporia, one of the most extensive drovers in the business this season, came up last Monday morning and spent the day in Dodge City. He is much pleased with the general outlook and intends to make Dodge City his headquarters during the summer.

Mr. W. Reynolds, Jr., Traveling Auditor, and Mr. P. Walsh, General Baggage Agent of the A. T. & S. F., in the discharge of their official duties, landed in this city last Monday. Two gentlemen of superior merit in the estimation of all who know them. In choosing its officials, verily the A. T. & S. F.'s head is level.

City Attorney Colborn started down to Topeka last Tuesday evening. We understand his purpose is to consult leading attorneys of the State in regard to the Blake suit against this city, which comes up at the next term of court. Blake has sued the city for \$5,000, damage sustained by the loss of an eye while confined in the city jail.

Capt. W. M. Hurst, of Junction City, and Mr. Ben. F. Gooch, of Mason, Texas, arrived last Thursday morning. Mr. Hurst expects to purchase and ship cattle from this point during the summer. His herd of wintered cattle will be ready for the early market. Mr. Gooch has a herd of about 5000 coming up the trail. They will probably arrive to-morrow.

Mr. J. L. Driskill, of Austin, Texas, arrived here this week to look after his cattle. Mr. Driskill was one of the solid men of Texas and we are glad to see him helping to swell the catt traffic again this season.

Major Mabry, an old cattle dealer, of Austin, Texas, is in the city awaiting the arrival of his herds.

Col. Day, of Austin, Texas, arrived in this city last Thursday and will inspect his cattle as soon as they reach here.

Capt. Camp, one of the best known cattle men in Texas, is in the city. He hails from San Antonio, and his cattle will be along in a few days.

J. W. Gammell, of Mason, Texas, is here, awaiting the arrival of his cattle.

Mr. A. H. Johnson, General Stock Agent of the road, arrived on Wednesday. Mr. J. K. Johnson and Mr. R. Crawford, cattle dealers, from Kansas City, came up on the same train.

CAME TO GRIEF.

Mike Dalton's Herd Captured by Ellis County Grangers.

The Owners Must Pay Heavily for Violating the Dead Line Law in Ellis County.

Our prediction that the cattle trade of Ellis is busted has been completely verified. The farmers of Ellis have met the Texas drover, and the victory is with the horny handed Granger. That 'broad highway' has proved a delusive trap into which Texas steers may enter, but from which they cannot escape without a princely ransom. The farmers of Ellis county have demonstrated the fact that the law enacted for their protection shall not be a dead letter among our statutes.

The Free Press, a German daily published in Leavenworth, on the 23d inst. gave a short account of the capture of Mike Dalton's herd by the Russian peasantry who live between the village of Ellis and the west line of Ellis county, which is also the 'dead line.'

From this and other reliable sources we glean the following facts: Powers, Buckley & Co.'s herd of beef cattle, in charge of Mike Dalton, after a long, dry, circuitous drive around Ness county, arrived one evening near the dead line between Ellis and Trego counties, about five miles west of the Ellis stock yards, not far from where the 'broad highway' was supposed to be located, upon which the K. P. road had represented they might pass through the forbidden grounds to the stock yards unscathed, as the Israelites of old passed through the river Jordan to their promised land. This deception was soon to be rudely exposed at the expense of the deluded drovers, whose stock had already lost much by poor range and thirst while on their way from Dodge to where they were then camped.

During the night a shower came up and the stock stampeded, and in the morning the Mennonite corrals in the vicinity were filled with Texas cattle. The herders bluffed and kicked around awhile, but when a posse of constables took them in charge on a criminal prosecution for violating the dead line law, they begged humbly for mercy. They finally obtained their liberty by paying nearly the value of the herd and promising to take their stock to a safe distance from Ellis county. The Mennonites who captured the cattle received \$500 and the remainder extorted was added to the fund set apart by the Farmers' Protective Association for prosecuting owners and herders who violate the dead line law by driving through cattle to the Ellis stock yards over that 'broad highway' which leads to destruction.

We hardly think Powers, Buckley & Co. will attempt to get their own stock into the Ellis yards after this rebuff. As they have a bank in Ellis, and Mr. Powers is in the employ of the K. P. road, they will very likely endeavor to entice other cattle men into the trap which they have lately tested to their sorrow.

The following is the penalty now in force for violating the provisions of the new dead line law:

"Any person violating the provisions of this act shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the first offense be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty days nor more than six months, and for every subsequent offense the penalty shall be double that of the first offense, and continuing to drive said cattle through the State shall be deemed a subsequent offense.

It will at once be seen that the above penalty, rigorously applied by the Farmers' Protective Association of Ellis county, will be a barrier through which not a hoof of Texas cattle can be driven to the Ellis stock yards.

The nearest point where through cattle may be held is nearly four miles from the Ellis yards, and the moment stock is

driven over the line the herders are taken into custody and cattle detained until the case is tried. Then if an attempt is again made to drive the same stock over that 'broad highway' the penalty is doubled, and this double penalty will certainly be inflicted for each subsequent offense, making that four mile drive too expensive to be profitable to owners.

In addition to this penalty the Farmers' Protective Association will cause civil action to be instituted for any damages which may be done to the crops of a member of the Association.

This is the first time farmers have thus organized and provided ample funds to fight Texas cattle. This, their first victory, has made them more sanguine than ever, and leaves Dodge City without the shadow of a rival in the Texas cattle trade of Kansas.

INDIAN NEWS.

Double Mountains Attacked but Not Captured.

Nick Ross, one of the sixty hunters engaged in the Indian fight referred to last week, called the other day and gave us some items in reference to Indian troubles about Double mountains.

When the hunters returned to Reynolds City after the fight, the Indians followed after, taking the horses and mules from the various camps along the route, killing the owners when convenient. Bickerdike and Bill Benson lost eight head of stock from their camp forty miles northwest from Reynolds City.

The Indians also attacked Glenn and two Enlishmen sixty miles west on the Brazes, shot Glenn through the calf of the leg, destroyed their wagons, took 2300 rounds of ammunition and run off seven head of stock.

On the night of the 5th inst. about sixty-five Indians made a raid upon Reynolds City, at the Double Mountains, and captured twenty-five head of stock which Frank Foster was herding near by.

The Tonk Indians and soldiers, who have been out hunting hostile Indians, arrived in Reynolds City on the 10th inst. with four scalps, six squaws and forty head of ponies.

A party of Tonks and hunters have since started out on the war path hunting Indians. Capt. Lee says the country is full of them.

Two or three men were killed out west of Reynolds by Indians.

It is shocking to note how some doctors can enjoy a drunken spree when men are suffering and dying around them. We do not believe any town in the state, except the degraded city of Hutchinson, would tolerate such doctors. A disgusting scene is said to have occurred at the recent railroad accident.

The benefit ball at the Dodge House last Wednesday evening passed off very pleasantly. Several stock men from abroad arrived that morning and participated in the dance. Mrs. R. M. Wright and Mr. S. E. Isaacson were most instrumental in conducting the affair.

We learn from Surgeon Tremaine that the railroad company have made satisfactory settlements with all who were injured in the recent accident, except the two soldiers now at Ft. Dodge. The soldiers have no legal claim against the railroad company, but Maj. Anderson writes that the company will bear the expense of their sickness. Such fairness and magnanimity is not often found among railroad men.

MR. SAMUEL MARSHALL has been commissioned by the Governor to fill out the unexpired term of Wm. Y. McIntosh as Justice of the Peace in this township. Judge Marshall will undoubtedly dispense justice with unerring fairness. A better man for the place would be hard to find.

The \$5,000 dollars worth of funding bonds, authorized to be exchanged for county scrip, have nearly all been issued.